IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following paragraph:

The key portion ~~32~~ 23 stores many keys K1, K2, K3, ... In the illustrated example, twelve keys K are shown, but the number of keys can be less or more than twelve, e.g., sixteen. Each of the keys K corresponds to the identification code. When using the enciphering card SPC, an authentication is performed for certifying the user at the starting step. At that time, a user ID or a group ID that corresponds to the identification code is inputted, and the key K that is identical to the identification code is selected. The user key K that is selected by the ID (an individual ID) works as an individual key KP, and the key K that is selected by the group ID works as a group key KG.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 18, with the following paragraph:

The enciphering process portion 21 and the decoding process portion 22 performs the enciphering process or the decoding process using the key K selected by the key portion ~~32~~ 23. Each of the processes is a reversible process. Namely, the original state can be obtained by the decoding process after the enciphering process or by the processes in the opposite order. An example of the processes is explained in the above-mentioned Japanese unexamined patent publication No. 10-301856.